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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Price et al.

Appl. No. To Be Assigned

(Divisional of Appl. No. 08/781,772,

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For: Method of Expanding Embryonic

Stem Cells In Serum-Free Culture

Art Unit: To be assigned

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## **Preliminary Amendment**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the captioned application as follows:

In the Specification:

At page 1, line 6, after "Background of the Invention", insert/-This application is a divisional of U.S. Appl. No. 08/781,772, filed January 10, 1997 (abandoned), which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.--

In the Claims:

Cancel claims 1-88 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

Add new claims 89-126.